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SUBJECT: GVN FOREIGN MINISTER'S LETTER TO

OLOF STROH, IOG

1. FOLLOWING IS EXTRACT FROM A LETTER (TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH) DATED 9 AUGUST 1973 FROM MR. NGUYEN PHY DUC, ACTING MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, ADDRESSED TO MR. OLOF STROH, COORDINATOR OF INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE OF THE RED CROSS TO INDOCHINA.

2. BEGIN TEXT: REFERENCE YOUR LETTER OF JULY 2, 1973 CONCERNING THE PROJECT OF THE RED CROSS INDOCHINA OPERATIONS GROUP TO TRANSIT VIA SAIGON "MERCANDISE FOR RED CROSS INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE POPULATION IN THE AREAS CONTROLLED BY THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM".

3. OUR GOVERNMENT CANNOT CONSENT TO SUCH A PROJECT WITH THE JURIDICAL AND POLITICAL COROLLARIES WHICH ACCOMPANY IT, NAMELY THE RECOGNITION OF SOUTH VIETNAM OF THE EXISTENCE OF A SECOND RED CROSS ORGANIZATION AND OF INHABITED AREAS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH CITIZENS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ARE SUBJECT TO AN

AUTHORITY OTHER THAN THAT OF THE LEGAL GOVERNMENT
WHICH THEY CONSTITUTIONALLY ELECTED.

4. ACTUALLY, THERE EXISTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM ONLY ONE NATIONAL RED CROSS ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS, NAMELY THE "RED CROSS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM" WITH HEADQUARTERS IN SAIGON AND THE HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITY OF WHICH EXTENDS TO ALL SOUTH VIETNAMESE TERRITORY. THERE CANNOT BE A SECOND RED CROSS ORGANIZATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM WHETHER IT BE THAT OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT", THAT OF THE SO-CALLED PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT", OR THAT OF ANY OTHER OPPOSITION GROUPING, WITHOUT INFRINGING ON THE PRINCIPLE OF UNITY, ONE OF THE SEVEN FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF THE RED CROSS.

5. MOREOVER, THERE CANNOT BE ON THE SIDE OF THE "NLF" INHABITED ZONES" OR "POPULATED ZONES". THAT BODY (NLF) CAN CLAIM ONLY "TROOP STATIONING ZONES" PENDING A SETTLEMENT OF THE QUESTION OF THE VIETNAMESE ARMED FORCES BY THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES AS CALLED FOR BY THE PARIS AGREEMENTS OF JANUARY 27, 1973. THE PEOPLE OCCASIONALLY INHABITING THOSE AREAS ARE SUBJECT TO A VERY TEMPORARY AND FLUID AUTHORITY ON THE PART OF THESE TROOPS, AND ONE CANNOT SAY THAT THEY ARE "CONTROLLED" BY THE "NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT" OR BY THE SO-CALLED "PRG". IN ANY CASE, THEY CONSTITUTE AN EXTREMELY SMALL MINORITY OF POPULATION...

6. . . . THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM WOULD BE DISPOSED TO DISCUSS WITH THE INDOCHINA OPERATIONS GROUP OF THE RED CROSS THE QUESTION OF OVERALL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FROM THE RED CROSS DESTINED FOR THE ENTIRE SOUTH VIETNAMESE POPULATION WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF CATEGORIES, THE CONVEYANCE OF THIS ASSISTANCE TO BE EFFECTED IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THE TERRITORIAL AND POLITICAL SOVEREIGNTY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND THE COMPETENCE OF THE NATIONAL RED CROSS NOT BE DIMINISHED. . . END TEXT.

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